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- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
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## I. Basis of the report

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**V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-5</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-5</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-5</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

**2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)**

The claimed invention is not considered to be anticipated by the patent document cited. This document does not reveal the device for storing and transporting live fish described in the claims.

The invention according to claims 1- 5 is therefore considered to be novel, to involve an inventive step and to be industrially applicable.

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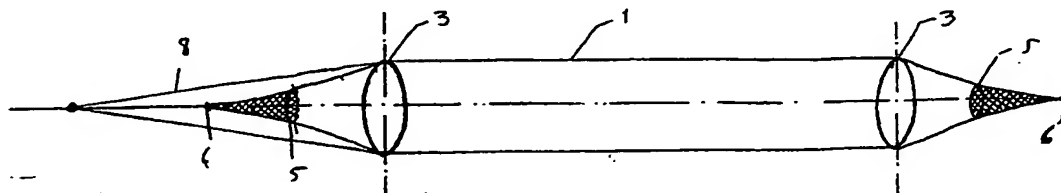
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(57) Abstract: A fish bag (1, 1') comprising a netting with bag rings (3) and at the end a second netting (4) with purse lines (5, 6) and a towing line (9). One or more braces (9) and locking rings (8) to connect several fish bags (1) into larger units.

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**Equipment for storage and transport of living fish.**

The present invention concerns primarily a device for storage and transport of living fish, where the device is sausage-formed and the transport is preferably performed by this being towed after a boat.

The harvesting of the sea in the form of fishing is the largest and oldest business in this country through history. Today the fish export, disregarding the petrol area, is Norway's largest business money-wise, and the assurance of deliveries of products of high quality is of decisive importance for it to remain a large industry also in the future.

There are dumped large quantities of fish because the capacity of transporting it ashore is not present, and it is also not of the proper quality.

There are several factors interacting to determine the quality of the fish and the fish products when they arrive at the consumers somewhere in the world. When the fish die, a process starts in the fish meat giving it a poorer quality. The quality of the fish meat arriving at the consumer may be improved by waiting for the longest possible time before killing the fish so that the degradation process has been going on for as short a time as possible. The further treatment of the fish in the form of processing, refining, storage and transport should be made as short as possible under the most suitable conditions to maintain the quality.

The delaying of the time for the sacrificing of the fish and thus the starting of the decaying process, is a method that has been used in many connections also in former times through history. In seasons with e.g. a good supply of sails and perhaps a lack of capacity in the receiving country, the containment of fish in enclosures has been

common. This is done by the fish caught alive being imprisoned in a netting bag being anchored until it is fetched and is hoisted into a supply ship or the netting bag is towed to a receiving plant for fish. Fish that are  
5 imprisoned in such an enclosure will be standing very cramped under perhaps poor current conditions, and this stresses the fish, something that again reduces the quality and the fish die.

There are used well supply ships for transporting the fish  
10 from the netting enclosures. The well supply ships are equipped with tanks into which there is pumped seawater and wherein fish are kept during their transport and reception. Well supply ships is an expensive solution when considering that in many instances a lot of fish die in the netting  
15 enclosures before the ships collect them, so the economical result of the fish may not be worthwhile in many cases.

In Norwegian patent no. 20.850 there is disclosed a storage unit for live fish comprising floats in both ends and between these a netting-cage for storing fish. Such a  
20 solution is suitable for storing fish, is more expensive than required, and does not represent any good solution with respect to transport. The transport of fish in any such device will have its limitation in how fast it may be transported for the fish to survive, and this is not any  
25 economically suitable speed for the transport per se.

Norwegian patent no. 81.500 discloses a container for collecting fish from a trawl and for further transport of the collected live fish to a receiving plant and for  
30 shorter storage. The collector is tied to a trawling bag and is not regarded as any suitable way to store and transport fish with respect to maintaining quality and avoid fish death.

In addition to the transporting of fish in a more or less hydrodynamic device, fish are transported in netting bags,

a keeping netting. The towed keeping netting may not exceed a speed of 2-3 knots, something that is very time-consuming. Such solutions are disclosed in Norwegian patents nos. 24.069 and 52.761. The former discloses a  
5 seine bag being kept extended by a floating body, and a boat pulls the entire device. A speed exceeding 2-3 knots will be stressing for the fish and will create conditions increasing the mortality. In no. 52.761 there is disclosed a somewhat similar device, but here it is emphasised that  
10 there exist devices in addition to the seine netting which keep this inflated to avoid it being crushed during transport.

A container for transporting live fish, which also includes a penetrating current of water, appears from Norwegian  
15 patent no. 105.955. A penetrating current which may be reduced by one end partly comprising a solid grating or by one end being funnel-shaped. This to reduce the towing resistance and prevent the death of fish.

The purpose of the present invention is to provide a device  
20 being suited for storage and transport of live fish for transport velocities far exceeding (10-20 knots) what the fish would endure outside the device, but without it disparaging the environment. The invention has as one of its goals a price so that it will be competitive in view of  
25 what exist of transport devices for live fish.

This is achieved by a fish netting being secured in both ends with netting rings, and where at least one end is equipped with one netting and a funnel with a pursing mechanism.

30 Further details of the invention will be apparent from the disclosure infra of an exemplary embodiment thereof under reference to the figures.

Figure 1 depicts a basic form of the invention.

Figure 2 depicts a connection between several units into larger bags.

Figure 3 depicts connective devices for several units into  
5 larger bags.

Figure 4 depicts a detailed view of the outer enclosure according to the invention.

Figure 5 depicts the invention equipped with a brace and an anchoring of the bag.

10 Figure 6 depicts the fish bag during the transport with an additional external netting.

The invention comprises a fish bag 1 being made of strong webbing. If extra strength is wanted during e.g. transport, it is possible to sheath the entire fish bag 1  
15 in a first netting 2. See figure 6. The fish bag 1 is tubular and is equipped with a bag ring 3 at both ends somewhat inside the end to keep the tube extended. To the ends of the fish bag 1 there is located a tubular second netting 4. At the transition between the fish bag 1 and the  
20 second netting 4, there is located a first purse line 5. A second purse line 6 is located in the second end of the second netting 4. Through these purse lines 5,6 the fish bag 1 may be pursed and be closed at the end so that fish do not escape, but it will be possible to determine and  
25 regulate the through-flow of water in the fish bag 1. This is depicted in the figures 1 and 4.

Several fish bags 1 may be connected into larger units as indicated in figure 2. The connection is performed by the bag rings 3 from fish bags 1 being placed adjacent to one  
30 another and being interconnected through a locking ring 7. See figure 3. In the connection there will thus be present such funnel-shaped units, one from each fish bag 1. When the fish bag 1,1' is to be towed behind a boat, extra towing lines 8 between the boat and the bag ring 3 may be  
35 applied.

During transport of fish in the fish bag 1,1' the first  
purse line 5 is closed and the second purse line 6 is  
completely closed so that flow-through of water is made  
suitably rapid and comfortable for the fish. The fish bag  
5 1 may be transported at great speed to its destination  
without the fish becoming injured or dead.

By employing the present invention fish may be towed ashore  
and may be stored live until the reception obtains the  
required capacity or until the market offers the required  
10 price. Furthermore, the fish may be towed alive as close  
as possible to the relevant market prior to it being  
slaughtered.

According to reports from the Ministry of Fishery a larger  
number of receptacles for fish along the coast will be  
15 closed within a short time. This means a longer transport  
for delivery of fish and a larger need for transport of the  
fish alive for maintaining its quality.

When maintaining the fish bag 1,1' in the sea for live  
storage of the fish, there may along the fish bag 1,1' be  
20 located braces 9 in the form of e.g. pipes. See figure 5.  
These may also function as a scaffolding for persons caring  
for the fish. The fish bag 1 may be equipped with current  
providers in the form of motorised propellers to obtain the  
required through-flow of water when the fish bag 1 is  
25 stationary, e.g. in the capacity of a fish farming plant.

## C l a i m s

1. Device for storing and transporting live fish,  
c h a r a c t e r i z e d i n a fish bag (1) being  
equipped at both ends with bag rings (3), and at said ends  
5 there being arranged a second netting (4) with purse lines  
(5,6)
2. Device for storing and transporting live fish according  
to claim 1,  
c h a r a c t e r i z e d i n that several fish bags  
10 (1) are coupled together through locking rings (7).
3. Device for storing and transporting live fish according  
to any of the preceding claims,  
c h a r a c t e r i z e d i n that at one end of the  
fish bag (1,1') there are located towing lines (8).
- 15 4. Device for storing and transporting live fish according  
to claim 1,  
c h a r a c t e r i z e d i n that there is applied at  
least one brace (9) to the fish bag (1,1').
5. Device for transporting and storing live fish according  
20 to claim 1  
c h a r a c t e r i z e d i n that around the fish bag  
(1) there is located a first netting (2).

**ABSTRACT**

A fish bag (1,1') comprising a netting with bag rings (3) and at the end a second netting (4) with purse lines (5,6) and a towing line (9) and locking rings (8) to connect several fish bags (1) into larger units.

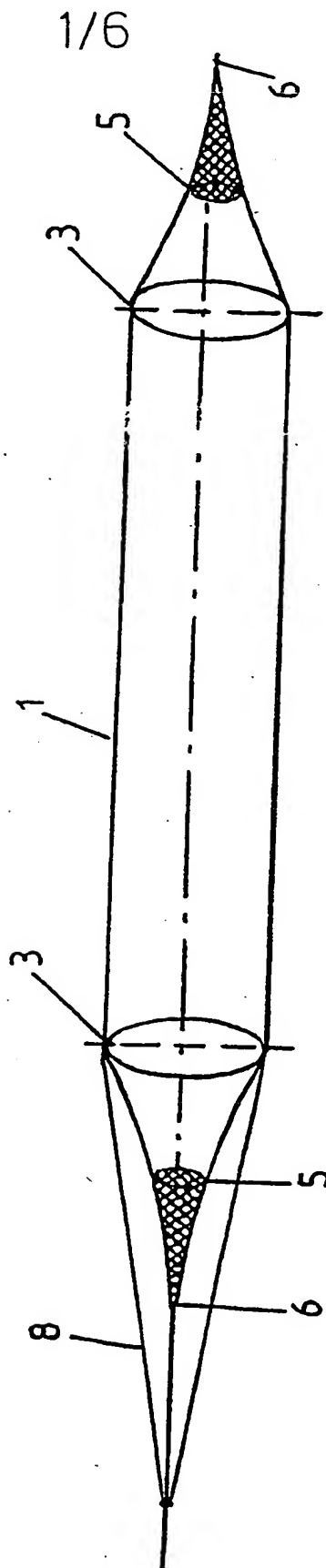


Fig.1



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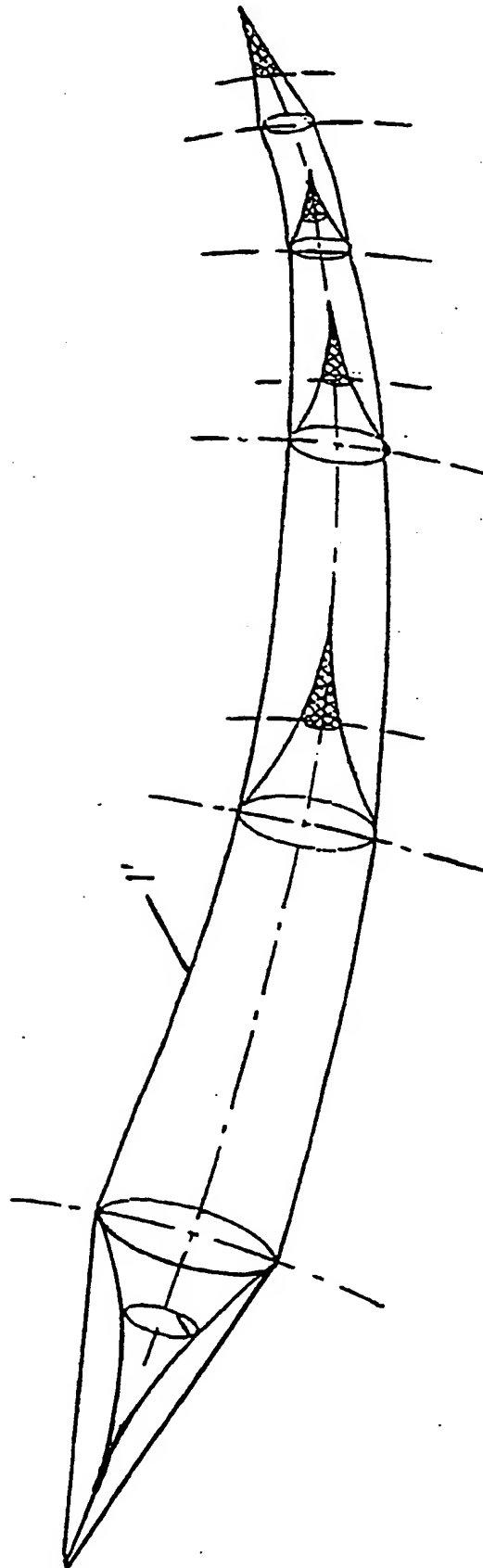


Fig.2

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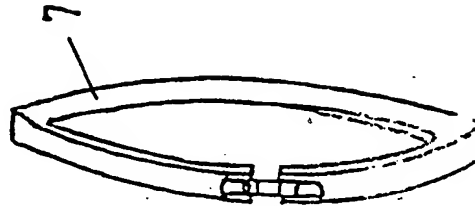


Fig.3c

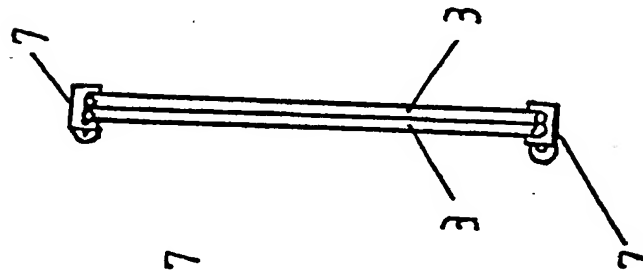


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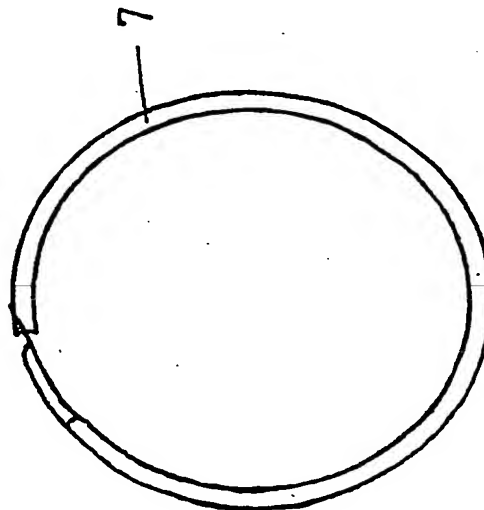


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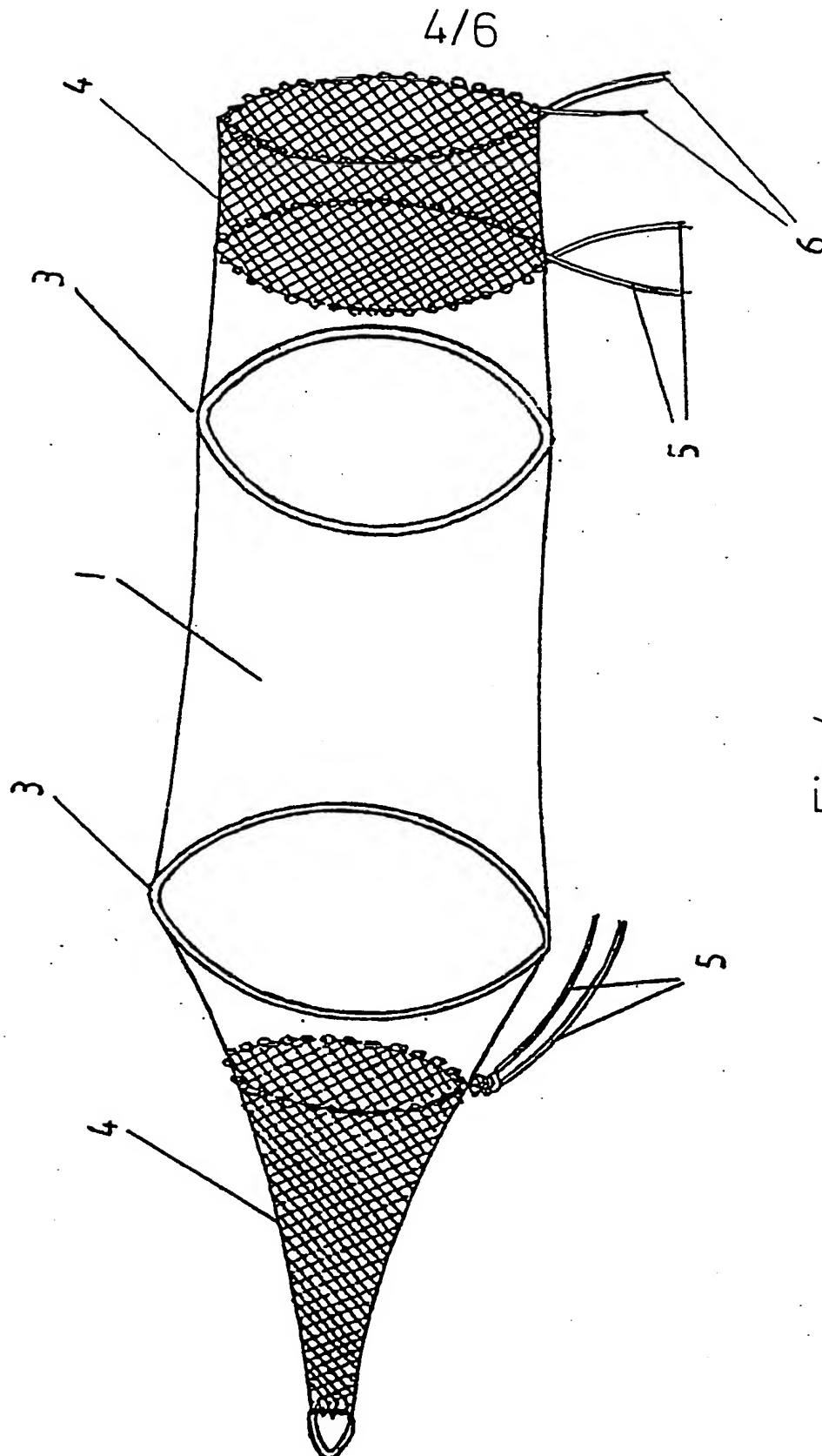
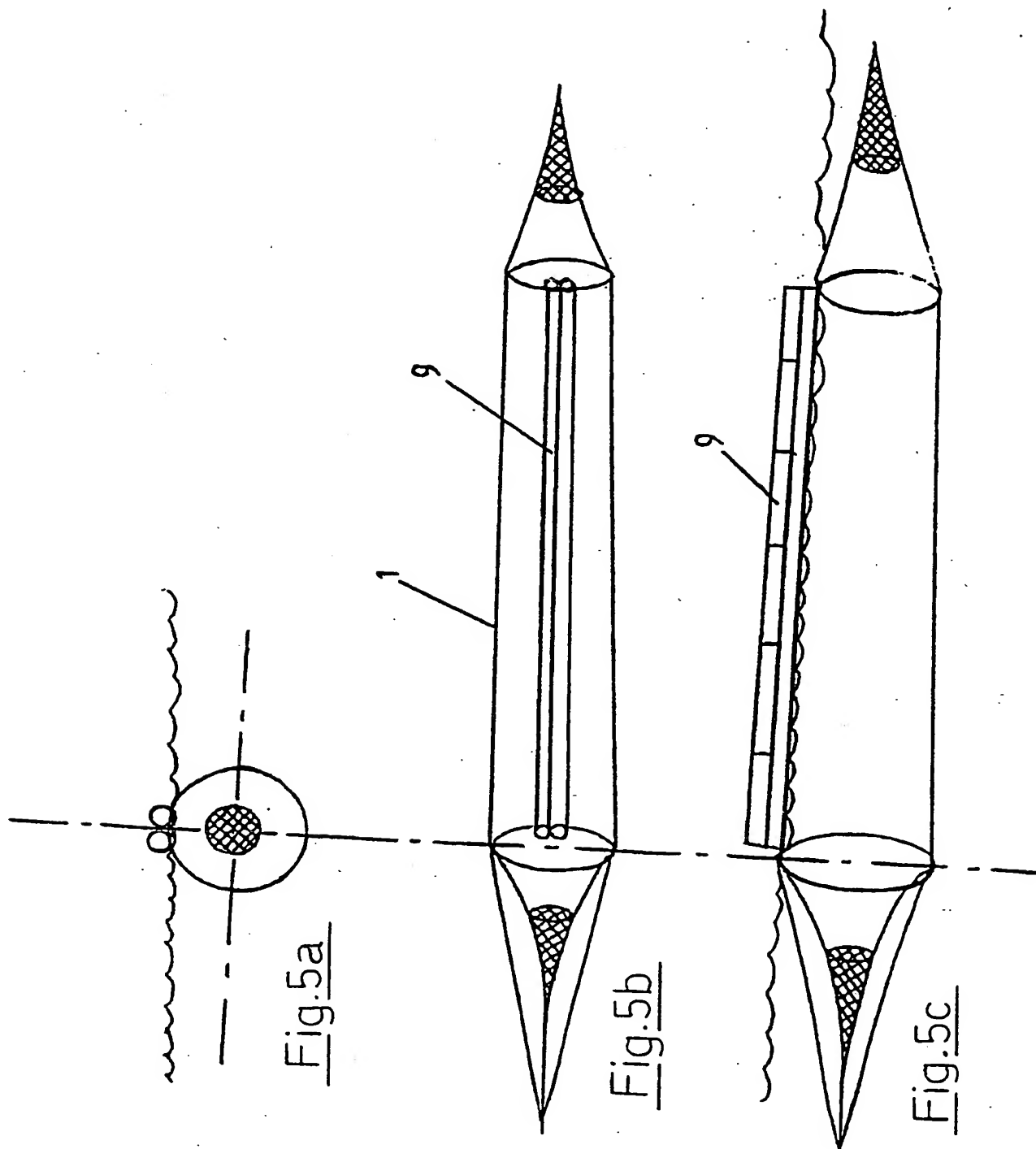


Fig.4

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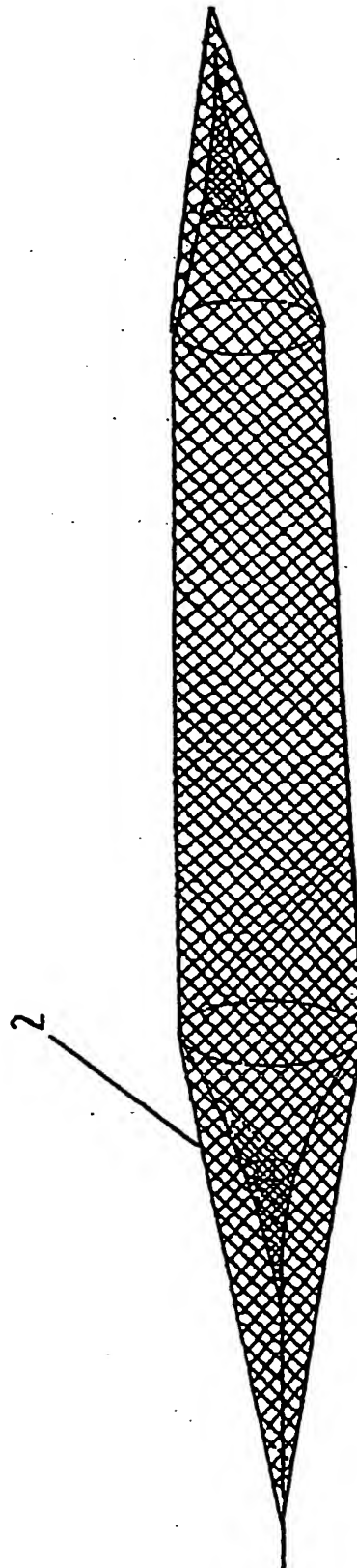


Fig.6

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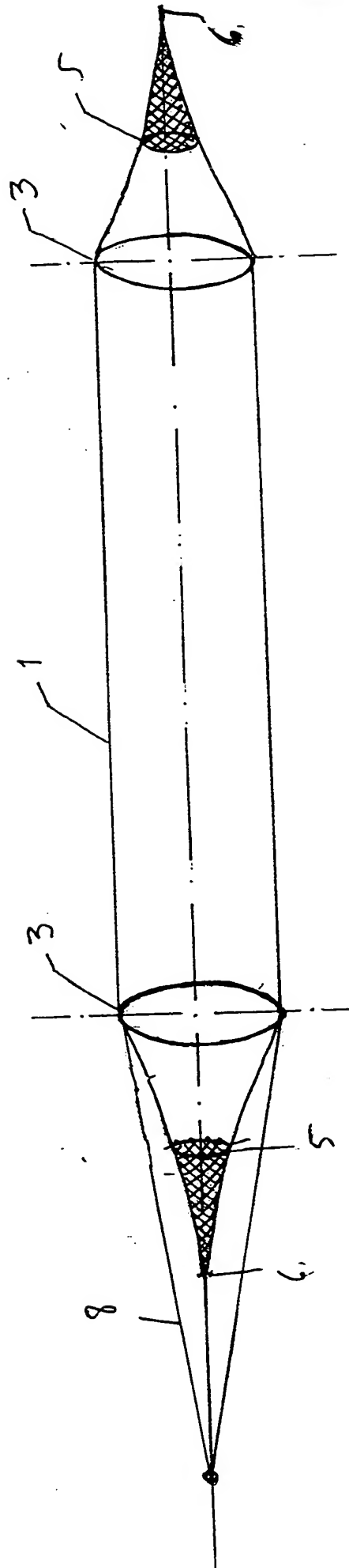
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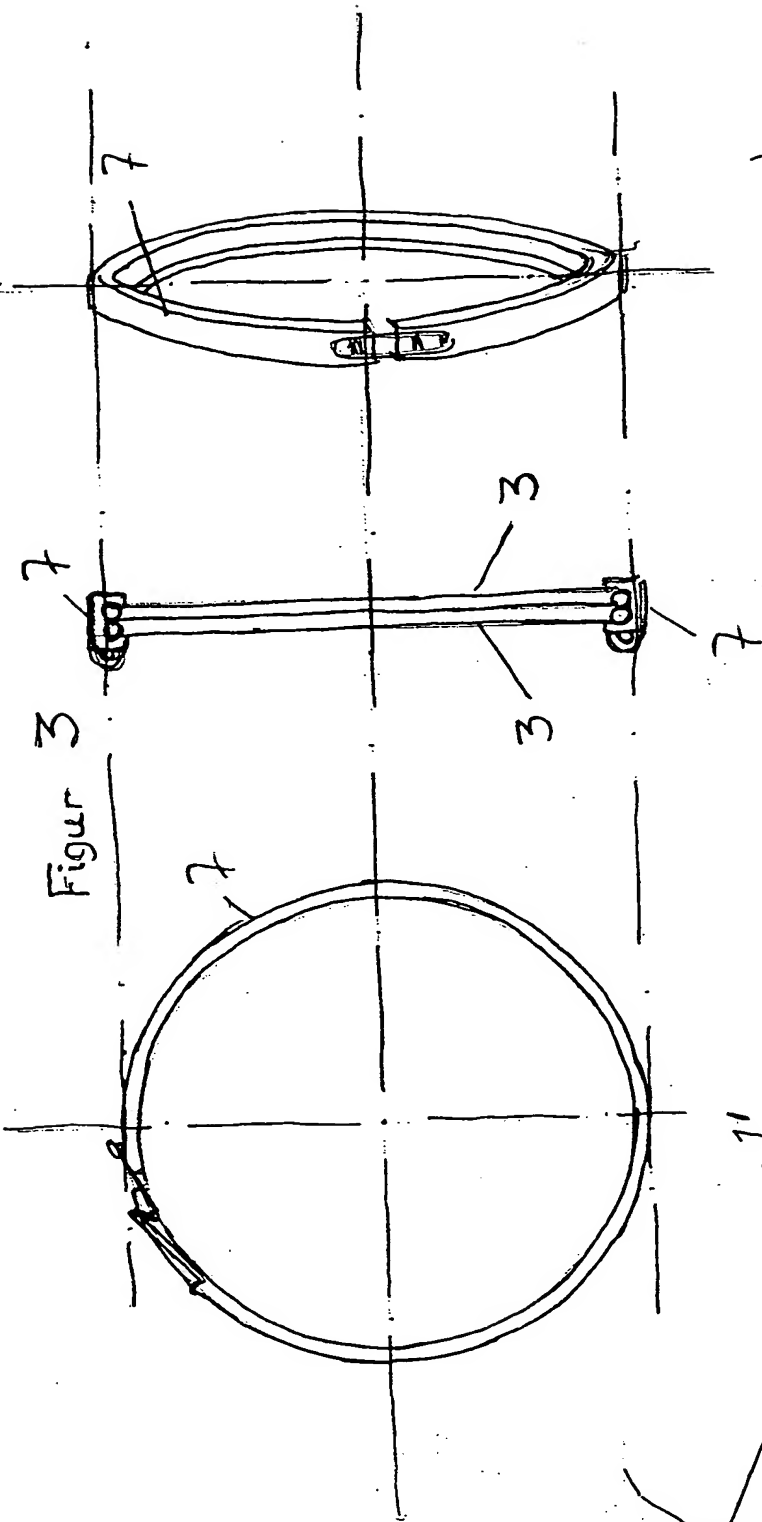
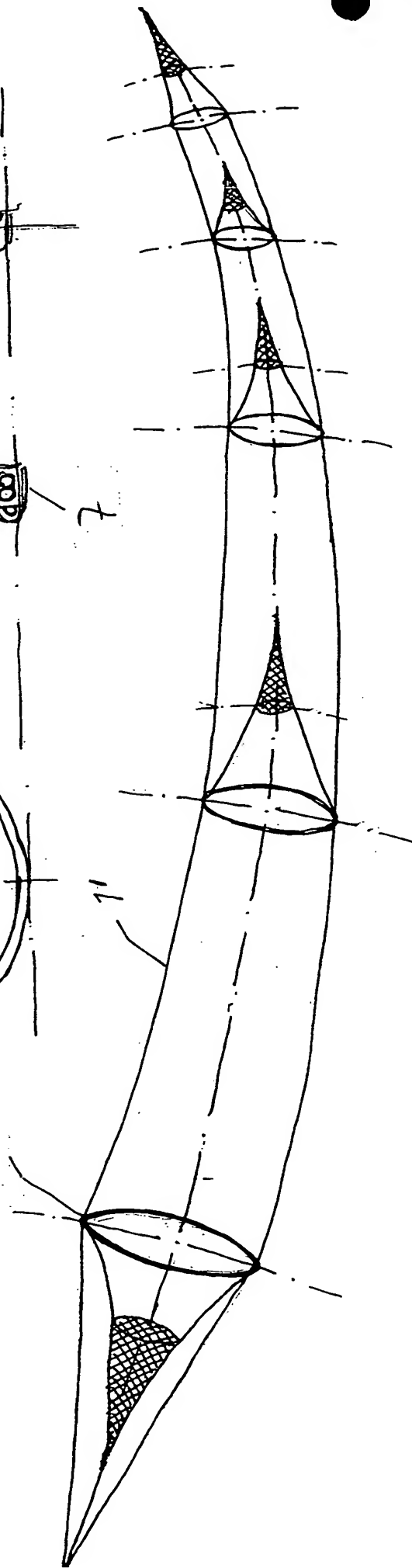
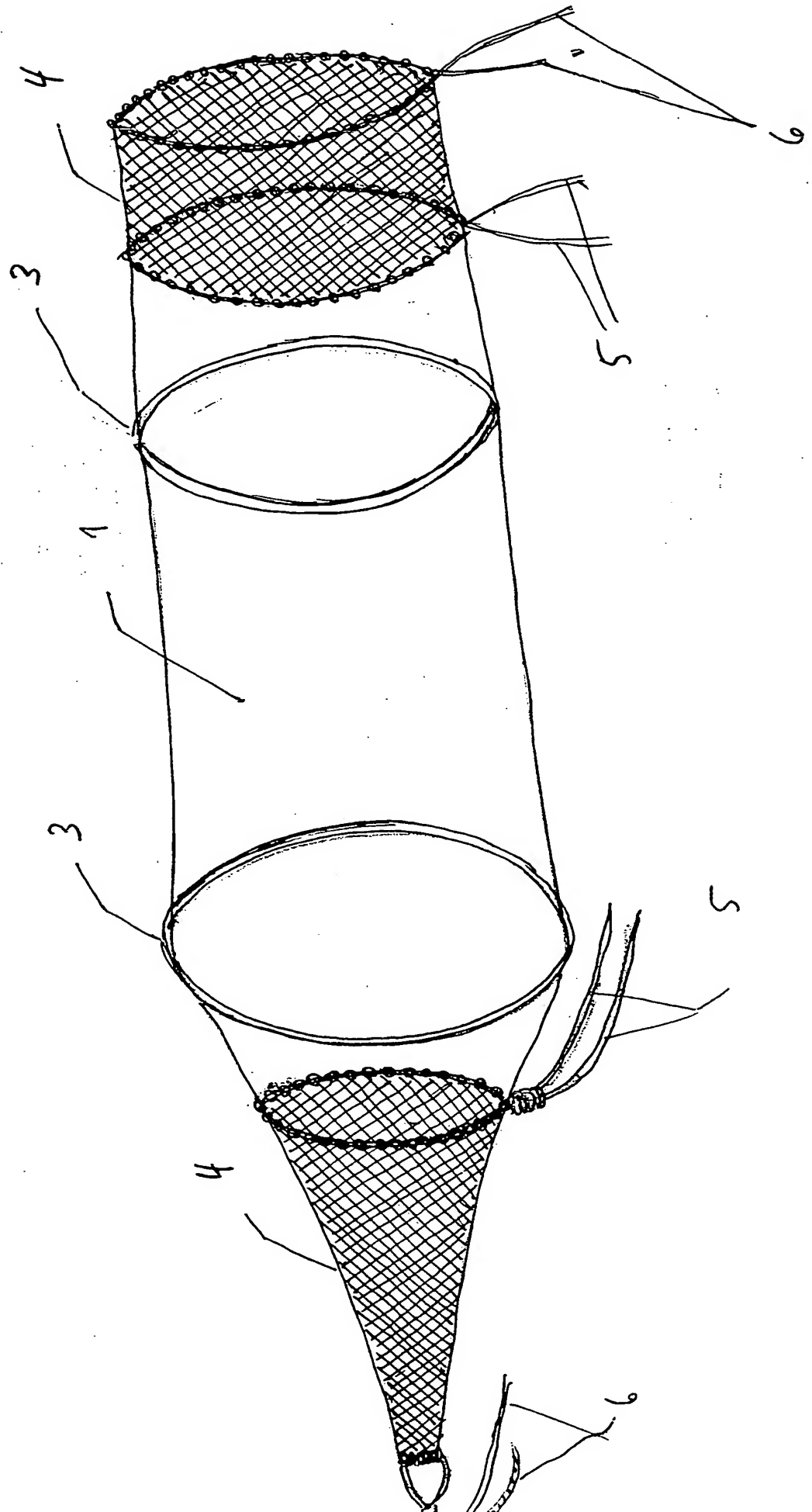


Figure 2



Figur 4



Figur 5

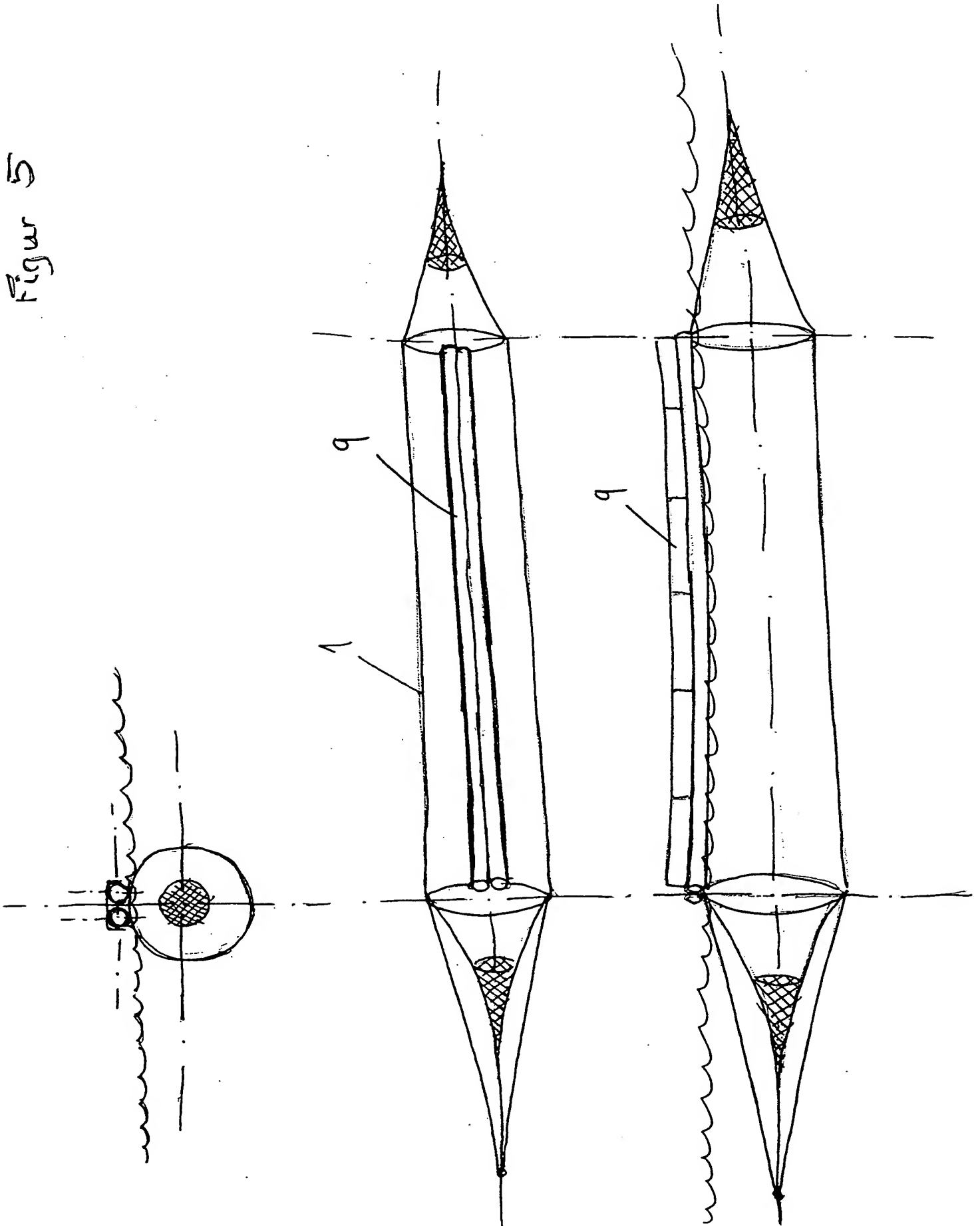
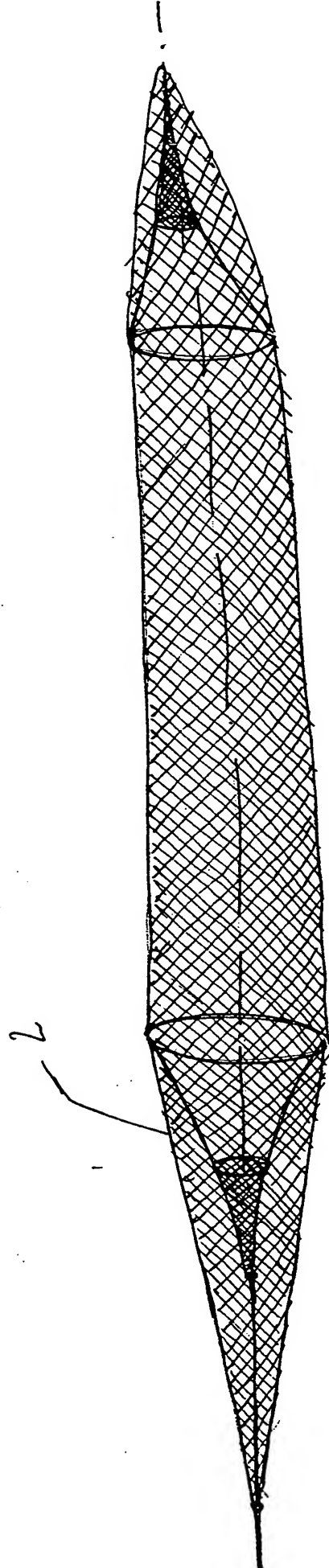


Figure 6





## **Anordning for oppbevaring og transport av levende fisk.**

Oppfinnelsen angår primært en innretning for oppbevaring og transport av levende fisk hvor innretningen er pølseformet og transporten skjer fortrinnsvis ved at denne slepes etter båt.

Høsting av havet i form av fiske er et den største og eldste næring her i landet gjennom historien I dag er fiskeeksporten dersom man ser bort fra petroleumsområdet vår største næring i kroner og det å kunne utføre sikre leveranser av produkter med høy kvalitet, er av avgjørende betydning for at det skal forbli en stor næring også i fremtiden.

Det dumpes store mengder fisk fordi man ikke har kapasitet til å føre den på land eller den ikke er av helt riktig kvalitet.

Det er flere faktorer som er medvirkende til å bestemme kvaliteten på fisken og fiskeprodukter når de når frem til forbrukerne en eller annen plass i verden. Idet fisken dør starter en prosess i fiskekjøttet som forringer det. Kvaliteten på fiskekjøttet når det når frem til forbrukes kan økes ved at man venter lengst mulig med å ta livet av fisken slik at forringelsesprosessen er kommet kortest mulig. Den videre behandlingen av fisken i form av bearbeiding, foredling, lagring og transport, bør gjøres kortest mulig og under best mulige forhold for å opprettholde kvaliteten.

Den å forsinke tidspunktet for slakting og start av forringelsesprosessen, er en metode som har vært benytte i flere sammenhenger også noe tilbake i historien. I sesonger med for eksempel god tilgang på seil og kanskje mangel på kapasitet på mottakene i land, er det å sette fiske i steng vanlig. Det gjøres ved at fisk som er fanges levende står stengt inne i en notpose som er forankret, til den hentes og håves inn i brønnbåt eller notposen tauet til et fiskemottak. Fisk som lukkes slik i steng, blir stående trangt kanskje det er dårlige strømforhold og det stresser fisken som igjen reduserer kvaliteten og fisk dør.

Det benyttes brønnbåter for å hente fisken fra steng. Brønnbåter er utstyrt med tanker som pumpes inn sjøvann i og hvor fiske oppbevares under transport til fiskemottak. Brønnbåter er en kostbar løsning og når man i tillegg det mange tilfeller er mye fisk som dør i stengene før brønnbåter henter dem, så blir kanskje det økonomiske resultatet av fisken ikke formålstjenlig i mange tilfeller.

I norsk patent nr. 20.850 er det beskrevet en oppbevaringsenhet for levende fisk bestående av flottører i begge ender og mellom disse nettlignende bur for

oppbevaring av fisk. En slik løsning er egnet for oppbevaring av fisk, er noe mer kostbar enn nødvendig, og er ikke noen god løsning med tanke på transport. Transport av fisk i slike innretninger vil ha sin begrensning hvor hurtig den kan transporteres for at fiske skal overleve, hvilket ikke er noen økonomisk god hastighet for transporten i seg selv.

Norsk patent nr. 81.500 beskriver beholder for oppsamling av fisk fra en trål og for videre transport av oppsamlet levende fisk til mottak og kortere oppbevaring. Oppsamleren er knytte til en trålpose og ansees ikke å være noen god måte å oppbevare og frakte fisk på med tanke på å opprettholde kvalitet og unngå fiskedød.

I tillegg til transport av fisk mer eller mindre lukkede hydrodynamiske innretning, transporteres fisk i slep i nettposer, merder. Slepet kan ikke komme holde større fart en 2-3 knop hvilket er svært tidkrevende. Slike løsninger er beskrevet i norsk patent nr. 24.069 og 52.761. Den førstnevnte beskriver en notpose som holdes utspilt av et flytelegeme og hele innretning trekkes av en båt. En større fart enn 2-3 knop vil være stressende for fisken og skape forhold som øker dødelighet. I nr. 52.761 beskrives en noen tilsvarende innretning, men her er det lagt vekt på at det finnes innretninger i tillegg til notposen som holder denne oppspilt for å unngå at den klemmes sammen under transport.

En beholder for transport av levende fisk hvor det også er gjennomstrømning av vann fremgår av norsk patent nr. 105.955. En gjennomstrømning som kan reduseres ved at ende delvis består av fast gitter eller at ende er trakteformet. Dette for å redusere bokseringsmotstanden og hinder død av fisk.

Hensikten med foreliggende oppfinnelse er å fremskaffe en innretning som egner seg til oppbevaring og transport av levende fisk for transporthastigheter langt over (10-12 knop) det fisken kan tåle, men uten at det forringer den miljø. Oppfinnelsen tar mål av seg til å ha en slik pris at det er konkurransemessig det som finnes av transportinnretninger for levende fisk.

Dette oppnås ved att en fiskepose anordnet i begge ender med poseringer og hvor det minste i en ende er anordnet et 1. nett og en trakt med snørpemekanisme.

Ytterligere detaljer ved oppfinnelsen vil fremgå av den etterfølgende gjennomgangen av et eksempel på utførelse av denne under henvisning til tegningene.

Figur 1 viser grunnforming av oppfinnelsen.

Figur 2 viser sammenkobling av flere enheter til større poser.

Figur 3 viser koblingsenheter for flere enheter sammen til større poser.

Figur 4 viser detaljutforming av oppfinnelsen yttervegg.

Figur 5 viser oppfinnelsen utstyrt med avstivning og forankring av posen.

Figur 6 viser fiskeposen under transport med et ekstra ytre nett.

Oppfinnelsen består av en fiskepose 1 som er tilvirket i en sterk duk.

Dersom man ønsker en ekstra styrke under for eksempel transport, kan man innhulle hele fiskeposen 1 i et 1. nett 2. Se figur 6. Fiskeposen 1 er rørformet og anordnet med en posering 3 i begge ender noe innenfor enden for å holde rørformen utspilt. Det er anordnet til endene av fiskeposen 1 et rørformet 2. nett 4. I overgangen mellom fiskeposen 1 og det 2. nettet 4, finnes en 1. snurpeline 5. En 2. snurpeline 6 finnes i den andre enden av det 2. nettet 4. Ved hjelp av disse snurpelinene 5,6, kan fiskeposen 1 snøres sammen og bli lukket i enden slik at fisk ikke kommer ut, men man vil kunne bestemme og styre gjennomstrømningen av vann i fiskeposen 1. Dette fremgår av figurene 1 og 4.

Flere fiskeposer 1 kan kobles sammen til større enheter som vist i figur 2. Sammenkoblingen skjer ved at poseringer 3 fra to fiskeposer 1 legges inntil hverandre, og føyes sammen av en låsering 7. Se figur 3. I sammenkoblingen vil det således forefinnes to slike traktformede enheter, en fra hver fiskepose 1. Når fiskeposen 1, 1' skal slepes etter båt, så kan det kobles ekstra slepelinier 8 mellom båt og poseringen 3.

Under transport av fisk i fiskeposen 1, 1' er den 1. snurpelinen 5 delvis lukket og den 2. snurpelinen 6 helt lukket slik at gjennomstrømning av vann blir passe stor og behagelig for fisken.. Fiskeposen 1 kan transporteres med stor hastighet til bestemmelsesstedet uten at fisken skades eller dør.

Ved bruk av foreliggende oppfinnelse kan fisk slepes til land, lagre den levende til mottaket har kapasitet eller markedet gir bedre pris. Videre kan fisken slepes nærmest mulig markedet i levende tilstand før den slaktes.

Ifølge meldinger fra Fiskeridepartementet vil et større antall fiskemottak langs kysten bli nedlagt innen kort tid. Det betyr lengere transport for levering av fisk og større behov for transport av fisken levende for opprettholdelse av kvaliteten.

Ved oppbevaring av fiskeposen 1, 1' i sjø for levende lagring av fisken, kan det til fiskeposen 1,1' anordnes langsgående avstivere 9 i form av for eksempel rør. Se figur 5. Disse kan også fungere som vandring for personer som ser til passer fisken. Fiskeposen (1) kan påsettes strømsettere i form av motordrevne propeller for å opprette ønsket vanngjennomstrøming når fiskeposen (1) er i ro, f.eks. ved oppbevaring av fisk.

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### SAMMENDRAG

En fiskepose (1,1') bestående av duk med poseringer (3) og i enden et 2. nett (4) med snurpeliner (5,6) og en slepeline (9). En eller flere avstivere (9) og låseringer (8) for å koble sammen flere fiskeposer (1) til større enheter.

Figur 1.